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Unassigned 10/564598

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/GB2004/003065

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

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PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

15 July 2003 (15.07.2003))

TITLE OF INVENTION

PROBE FOR AN ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

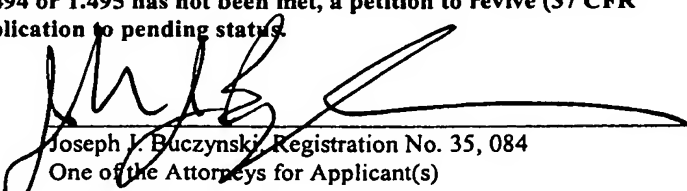
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.491.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.491.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
4. ☒ The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).
11. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ Paper Copy
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

Items 12 to 19 below concern other document(s) or information included:

12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449
 - ☐ Copies of Listed Documents
13. ☐ An assignment for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
14. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
 - ☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☒ Application Data Sheet Under 37 CFR 1.76
18. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
19. ☒ Other items or information: Courtesy copy of the PCT application as published.

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20. The following fees are submitted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee.....\$300.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0.00 All other situations\$200.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0.00 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....\$100.00 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB.....\$400.00 All other situations.....\$500.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				Calculations	PTO Use Only
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$900.00	
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Total Claims	33	-20=	13 x \$50.00	\$650.00	
Independent Claims	5	- 3 =	2 x \$200.00	\$400.00	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$975.00	
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Date: January 13, 2006					

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

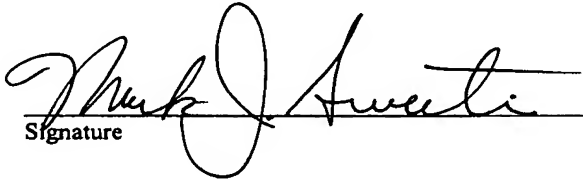
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I hereby certify that this express request to begin national examination procedures under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) of the International Patent Application referenced above, including all of the items listed thereon as enclosures, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Attention: DO/EO/US, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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